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SUBJECT : Unidentified Ground Scars      NO : PIC/JB-88/60  
LOCATION: 31 nm NW of Stalingrad, USSR      DATE : 5 May 1960  
WAC : 235      COORD: 49°20'N 44°20'E

PHOTO DATA:

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MAP DATA:

AMS. Series N 501, Sheet NM 38-8 (Dubovka), 2d ed, Jan 56,  
scale 1:250,000 (U)

REMARKS:

A ground-scar pattern at 49°20'N/44°20'E, approximately 31 nm (nautical miles) northwest of Stalingrad, USSR, extends over an area approximately 14 by 12 nm (see accompanying map). Two scars have an azimuth orientation of . A line extended on this azimuth in a generally northeast direction would pass over Kamchatka. The other scars have an azimuth orientation of . Lines extended on these azimuths would pass through Kapustin Yar and Riga.

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The scars appear to be vehicle tracks which follow a presurveyed route in straight lines. At intervals ranging from  and averaging  there are heavily scarred points where it appears that vehicles have turned and circled. These scarred points contain no visible structures, poles, or equipment. Vehicle tracks connect the straight scars at some of the heavily scarred points. No tie-in with existing power lines or pipelines is noted, and the scars do not pass through any built-up areas. Existing rail lines do not connect with the scars, although the Stalingrad-Saratov rail line passes within one kilometer at one point. The scars cross numerous roads of various classifications, but again there is no tie-in. The scars do not appear on low-level German photography of 1942-43.

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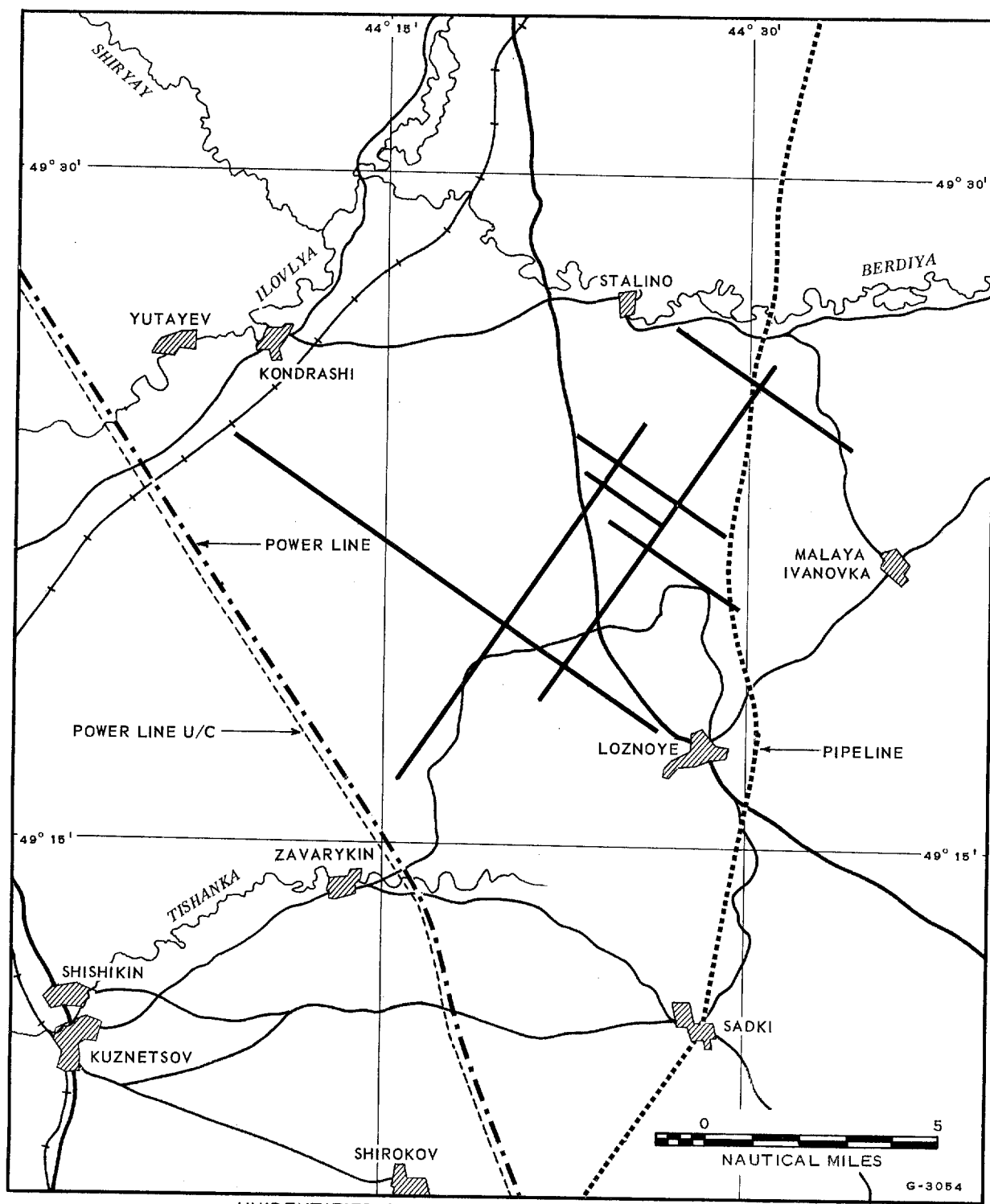
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UNIDENTIFIED GROUND SCARS NW OF STALINGRAD.

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